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The Honorable  
The Director of the  
Bureau of the Budget  
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dodge:

Reference is made to your letter of 27 February 1953 requesting the expression of our views regarding the draft of Executive Order relating to security standards for employment in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

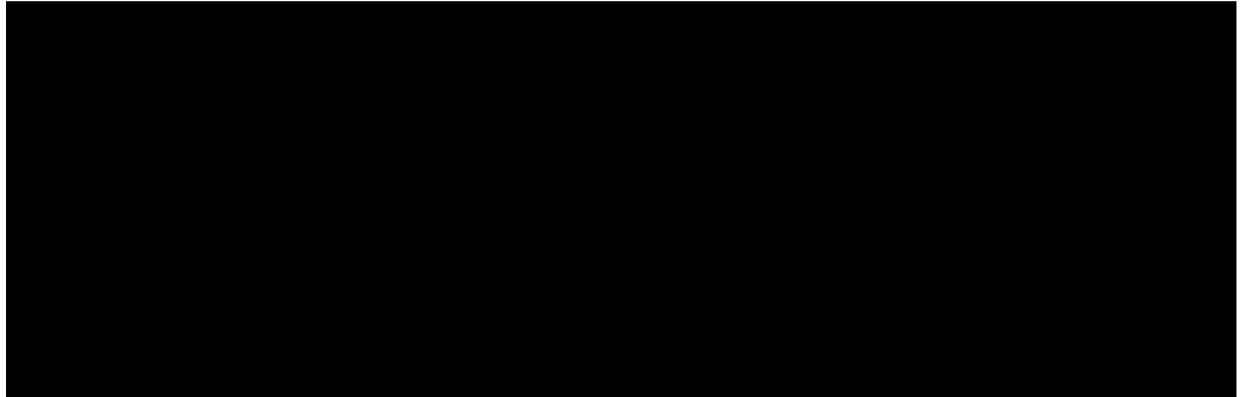
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Reference is made to paragraph 9(a) and (b) regarding the establishment and maintenance by the Civil Service Commission of a security-investigations index covering all persons as to whom security investigations have been made by any Government agency under this Order and directing ~~all~~ agencies to furnish to the Civil Service Commission appropriate information for the establishment and maintenance of the index.

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It is suggested that consideration be given to including specific authority in the Executive Order to permit the chairman of an agency panel or board adjudicating cases under this Order to administer the necessary oath to a witness so that false testimony presented before such a board or panel might be referred to the Department of Justice for appropriate action under perjury or other false statement statutes.

In paragraph 8(b) of the Draft Order, it is felt that misinterpretations may result from the word "consistent" in line 3, when read with the wording of the listed items of pertinent information.

We have noted that the types of information set forth in paragraph 8(b) are not limited to those listed therein. However, we would like to submit our observations with reference to sub-paragraphs 8(b)(8), (9), and (11).

Reference is made to the use of the phrase "knowingly associating" in paragraph 8(b)(8). The use of such a criterion is perfectly understandable. However, an equally great security hazard may exist where an employee unknowingly associates with certain groups and it may be impossible to inform the individual of such association.

Reference is made to paragraph 8(b)(9), which establishes a criterion of intentional unauthorized disclosure of security information. Unintentional disclosure in certain situations may also present a security risk inconsistent with continued employment.

In connection with paragraph 8(b)(11), association with only one person of a subversive nature, particularly if such association is of

a close family nature, often presents a serious security hazard to security agencies. Therefore, it is suggested that consideration should be given to the insertion of the word "person" after the word "group" in this sub-paragraph.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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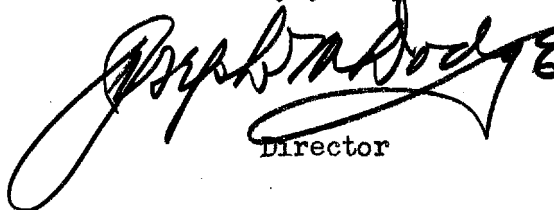
In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 10006, relating to proposed Executive Orders and Proclamations, the Bureau of the Budget has received the following papers (5 copies attached):

Draft of Executive Order relating to security standards for employment in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

I would appreciate receiving an expression of your views with respect to this matter not later than the close of business March 16, 1953.

It is of utmost importance that the contents of this proposed Order or the agency comments thereon not be released prior to final consideration by the President. You are therefore requested not to duplicate and distribute within your agency copies in excess of those attached to this letter.

Sincerely yours,

  
Director

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